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Costa Rica: Tensions created by the narrow presidential victory of Jose Joaquin Trejos on 6 February appear to have lessened, but precipitate action by National Liberation Party (PLN) leader Jose Figueres remains possible.

Costa Rica has no standing army, and Figueres fears that control of the Civil Guard will fall into the hands of his arch-enemy, Rafael Calderon Guardia, leader of the Republican Party (PR) which was one of the major partners in the coalition that sponsored Trejos. The 1,700-man guard is Costa Rica's main security force and is traditionally manned by supporters of the party in power.

PLN and opposition party leaders are attempting to reach a compromise, and President-elect Trejos has agreed to name at least one Civil Guard leader acceptable to the PLN.

Figueres has assured the US ambassador in San Jose that he will not take immediate action to forestall Trejos' inauguration but has made his acceptance of the new government contingent on satisfactory guarantees that the Calderonista faction will not gain control of a

Trejos administration or the Civil Guard.

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